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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/677,954	Applicant(s) RAO ET AL.	
	Examiner MARK FADOK	Art Unit 3625	

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 48-51 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 48-51 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

The examiner is in receipt of applicant's response to office action mailed 6/24/2005 which was received 3/27/2008. Acknowledgement is made to the cancellation of claims 1-47 and 52, the amendment to claim 48 and the addition of claims 49-52. Applicant's amendment has been carefully considered and was convincing, however after further searching and consideration the following new ground of rejection necessitated by amendment follows:

Examiner's Note

Examiner has cited particular columns and line numbers or figures in the references as applied to the claims below for the convenience of the applicant. Although the specified citations are representative of the teachings in the art and are applied to the specific limitations within the individual claim, other passages and figures may apply as well. It is respectfully requested from the applicant, in preparing the responses, to fully consider the references in entirety as potentially teaching all or part of the claimed invention, as well as the context of the passage as taught by the prior art or disclosed by the examiner.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and

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the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 48-51 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gershman (US 6,356,905) or Treyz et al (US 6,587,835) and further in view of Trotta, Jr. (US 5,595,264).

In regards to claims 48-51, Gershman or Treyz teaches all the features of the instant claims except as follows:

Gershman teaches beginning at line 46 an embodiment that discloses a wireless phone used for comparison shopping in a retail environment. Treyz teaches using a scanner to scan products and purchase them utilizing the barcode information provided from the scanner transmitted to the central computer (FIG 4,17,21,27,72,118, abstract and summary). Neither Gershman nor Treyz teaches executing a transaction in response to a received transaction request, including communicating with at least one server received from the mobile device, and further comprising automatic payment using any type of wireless barcode device or the RFID tag reader device information, automatically entering an item in an inventory database as sold, enabling the item to be removed from a store. Trotta, Jr. teaches executing a transaction in response to a received transaction request, including communicating with at least one server received from the mobile device, and further comprising automatic payment using any type of wireless barcode device or the RFID tag reader device information, automatically entering an item in an inventory database as sold, enabling the item to be removed from a store (FIG 2). It would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to include in Gershman or Treyz executing a transaction in

response to a received transaction request, including communicating with at least one server received from the mobile device, and further comprising automatic payment using any type of wireless barcode device or the RFID tag reader device information, automatically entering an item in an inventory database as sold, enabling the item to be removed from a store, because this will eliminate the lengthy and sometimes objectionable checkout queues in which the customer must wait, thus saving time for the customer (Trotta col 2, lines 35-40).

Further, it is noted that all of the elements of the cited references perform the same function when combined as they do in the prior art . Thus such a combination would have yielded predictable results (see Sakraida, 425 US at 282, 189 USPQ at 453. Since the independent claims only unite old elements with no change in there respective functions the claimed subject matter would have been obvious under KSR, 127 S. Ct at 1741, 82 USPQ2d at 1396.

Supreme Court Decision in *KSR International Co. v. Teleflex Inc.* (KSR, 82 USPQ2d at 1396) forecloses the argument that a specific teaching, suggestion, or motivation is required to support a finding of obviousness. See the recent Board decision *Ex arte Smith*, --USPQ2d--, slip op. at 20, (Bd. Pat. App. & Interf. June 25, 2007).

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 48-51 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Mark Fadok** whose telephone number is **571.272.6755**. The examiner can normally be reached Monday thru Friday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Jeffrey Smith** can be reached on **571.272.6763**.

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/Mark Fadok/

Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3625